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Item 2b on EPR

From 2002 when the first Environmental Performance Review (EPR) was produced UNECE and its Committee on Environmental Policy (CEP) has important place in creation of the environmental policy in Montenegro. This set of recommendations supported national authorities in recognition of national needs and priorities . The second cycle of Environmental Performance Review in Montenegro was launched in 2007. Therefore, please allow me to express gratitude to UNECE on the possibility to have another cycle of Environmental Performance Review in Montenegro, believing this set of 31 special recommendations would improve the state of environment and contribute to creation of preconditions for a more effective integration of the goals of sustainable development into sector policies.

The new set of recommendations, among other issues, relates particularly to:

- **The decision making framework and capacity building;**
- **Information, public participation and education;**
- **Implementation of international agreements and commitments;**
- **Economic instruments and environmental funds for environmental protection;**
- **Environmental expenditures and their financing;**
- **Integration of environmental concerns into tourism and promotion of sustainable development;**
- **Integration of environmental concerns into energy and promotion of sustainable development;**

The Second EPR recommendations are officially approved by the Government of the Republic of Montenegro and will be integrated into national policy in the field of environmental protection contributing significantly to improvement of the environmental management and further integration of the environmental concerns into economic sectors.

I use this occasion to express expectations regarding technical assistance and financial support of UNECE and developed countries to the Republic of Montenegro in fulfillment and successful implementation of the Second EPR recommendations. Tomorrow, during lunch break from 1 pm the press conference devoted to presentation of the second EPR findings and recommendations to Montenegro and Serbia will be held. Thus I would like to invite, by Montenegrin side, interested UNECE member states, international organizations. NGOs and other participants interested in this topic to visit press conference. It will be good opportunity to jointly anticipate possibilities for future cooperation.

Thank you for attention.

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